

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 4-6 and 10-12 and amended claims 1 and 7 are in this application. Claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 have been canceled.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In explaining the rejection, the Examiner referred to claims 1, 4, 7, and 10. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended herein. With regard to claims 4 and 10, the "physical delay of the node" is described on page 10, lines 10-20 of the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4-6, 7, and 10-12, as presented herein, are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and withdrawal of the 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Cook et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,687,319).

Independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites in part as follows:

"A method of communicating information between a plurality of nodes connected to an IEEE 1394 serial bus, wherein isochronous communication and asynchronous communication are performed on said bus and a node of isochronous resource manager is on said bus, comprising the steps of:

...

determining a value of bandwidth to be used for said isochronous communication from said predetermined communication parameters;

acquiring said bandwidth from said isochronous resource manager."

It is respectfully submitted that Cook, as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter Cook) does not appear to disclose isochronous resource manager as specifically recited in claim 1. Accordingly, amended independent claim 1, along with amended independent claim 7, as well as claims 5, 6, 11, and 12 which depend therefrom, are believed to be distinguishable from Cook, for at least the reasons described above.

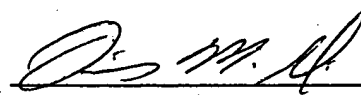
Claims 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook. Claims 4 and 10 depend from one of claims 1 and 7, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Cook for at least the reasons previously described.

In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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